



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kouji MATSUO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2814
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Application No.: 10/815,932)	Examiner: Rao, Shrinivas H.
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Filed: April 2, 2004)	Confirmation No. 9409
)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
AND METHOD OF)	
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, the period for response to which extends through December 11, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment, concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. This Amendment fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.